

Application No. To be assigned

--21. (New) The pickup of claim 16, further including a plurality of magnetic pole pieces extending from above the upper coil to below the lower coil through respective holes of the planar ferromagnetic plate.--

REMARKS

5 Claims 2-21 are in the application with claim 1 having been canceled. Of the claims under consideration, claims 2, 9, 16 are the independent claims.

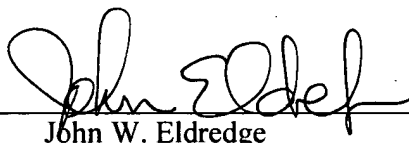
A Clean copy and a marked up copy of the specification and claims pages are attached.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notification of same and early passage to issue.

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25 Enclosures: Clean copy of specification and claims
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